Navy Prepares to Dispose of

Auxiliary Vessels.

It Will Sit in Judgment on the Con-

verted Tugs, Yachts and Merch-

antmen and Sell or Return Them

-How the Work Is to Be Done-

The naval board which will inspect the

hold its first meeting today at the Wash-

chased shall be retained and which sold

and Naval Constructor Tawresey.

board in aiding it in its decisions.

Work of the Board.

since they were purchased to be retain ed permanently.

The Auxiliary Fleet,

ptions noted bove, are as follows:

ria, Yankee, and Yosemite.

Ambulance ship-

The entire auxiliary fleet, with the ex-

Cruisers-Badger, Dixie, Panther, Pea-

Yachtr-Alleen, Dorothea, Eagle, Elfri-

Distilling ship-Rainbow. Ferry boats-East Boston and Governor

ing tugs.
The Wilmington, Morris, Wampatuck

Pompey and Siren have arrived at For

sailed from Charleston for Fort Monroe.
The Annapolis has arrived at Guanica,
The St. Louis has sailed from Montauk
Point for Philadelphia. The Resolute
has arrived at Montauk.
The Fern, Kanawha and Glacler have
arrived at Caimanera. The Mayflower
has sailed from Caimanera for Charleston.

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED.

Entire Naval Militia Will Be Re

leased by September 1. Carrying out the policy of reducing the

forces of the army and navy as rapidly as

possible, the Navy Department arranged

a routine for the discharge of the naval

reserves, which was begun some days ago

by the mustering out of the Michigan re-

serves, who had manned the Yosemite

during the progress of the conflict with

The Maryland reserves were discharged

Tuesday at Baltimore from the Ajax, one

of the old monitors, and the following

were reported at the Navy Department

as being mustered out yesterday: Mas

sachusetts militia from the the Inca, at

Boston; Pennsylvania militia from the

Arctic, at League Island; North Carolina

militia from the Nantucket, Cheyenne

and Chickamauga, at Pert Reyal; Call-

fornia militia from the Active, Iroquois

and Vigilant, at Mare Island; Rhode Isl-

and militia from the monitor Manhattan,

Orders have been issued for the trans

fer of the Aileen and Restless from Mon-

tauk to New York City, and of the Yan-kee from Santiago to Tompkinsville, where upon arrival the New York militia

on board will be mustered out. The El-frede and Huntress, also manned by New

It is the expectation of the department

that practically all of the naval volun-teer force will be mustered out of the

the old monitors will be the last to go out of commission, owing to the necessity of

sending the monitors to the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, before the crews can be released. They are com-posed mostly of Maine and Massachu-

ervice by the 1st of September. Four of

York men, will remain at Montauk

at Newport.

The board consists of Capt. Higginson.

osition has been appointed, and will

be mustered out.

BOARD IS APPOINTED

EVACUATION HANGS FIRE

Little or No Progress Has Been Made in Porto Rico.

PERFECT ORDER PREVAILS

Gen. Macias Makes Recommendations to the Queen Regent for Appointments on the Commission for the Island-The Manuela and Co-Ion Are Still in San Juan Harbor.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Aug. 21.-Little er no progress of any kind toward the evacuation of the Island by the Spanish troops is yet visible here, where the ber of troops are frequently. arriving. No officer of the American army has yet been here, if two calls made on Capt. Gen. Macias by the Chester and the Folger just before the blockade was Taised be excepted.

It is reported here that Gen. Brooke will come from the south side of the island in four or five days, but it is impossible to verify the report.

Gen. Macias has cabled to Madrid, recommending the appointment as members of the commission to arrange for the evacuation of Porto Rico of Gen. Ricardo Ortega, who ranks next to Gen. Macins, and who has been particularly virulent in his denunciations of the Americans; Commodore Eugenie Vallerino, the chief naval officer hers, and Senor Sanchez, military auditor for Porto Rico. If these nominations are agreeable to

the Spanish government the officers will be appointed by a royal decree issued by the Queen Regent. They will have the power to appoint the necessary subordinates to assist them in their labors.

The Delay in Evacuation. The people here are becoming a little

restless under the delay attending the completion of the arrangements for the evacuation. They are unable to understand why progress is not immediately made, but it is probable that their impatience is partly due to the fact that the government does not permit the pub-lication of news touching upon the evac-

Those who are better informed know that the terms of the protocol are being carried out without a hitch, and that the unish troops will be deported in due Perfect order continues to prevail here

and reports from other places show are entire absence of disorders. The German cruiser Geler has arrived here, bringing all the mails for the Ger-mans in the island that had been collect-

ing at St. Thomas since the blockade was established. She passed the obstruc-tions in the channel without difficulty. The steamer Colon, which was sunk in the channel after having been loaded with explosives that were connected by wire with Morro Castle, still lies where

she was sunk. Obstructions in San Juan Harbor. The steamer Manuela, with contact tor pedoes attached, which was later sunk near the Colon, lies with her must

The torpedoes have been removed from her, but the explosives still remain in

above the water.

The latter vessel could doubtless be blown up easily, but if this was done before the Manucia was raised the explo-sion would probably only injure and not destroy the Manucia. It is, therefore, desired to raise the latter vessel before blowing up the Colon

fulness is now lying here out of commis-sion. It is believed that it could easily

ch host was outside the bay, trying

CUBA WILL BE ANNEXED. The London Times Says That Will

Be Its Ultimate Fate. London, Aug. 25.-The special corre spondent of The Times, with the San tiago expedition, writes a letter in which says he is strongly of the opinion at the ultimate fate of Cuba will be that the ultimate fate of Cuba will be annexation to the United States.

THE VIGILANCIA SAILS.

Volunteers to Santiago. New York, Aug. 24.—The steamship

Vigilancia sailed for Santiago this even-She carried the Twenty-third Regiment

of Kansas Volunteers, composed of col-ored men, under command of Col. James There were \$75 men and some horses, besides the officers.

FRANKLIN SAILS FOR HAVANA.

Norwegian Steamer Takes More Cubans to Their Homes, Key West, Aug. 24.-The Norwegian steamer Franklin, which was detained here as a prize of war and then re-

large number of Cubans, who are leaving for their homes in Cuba. This is the first steamer to leave this port for Ha-Many schooners have left with car-goes for Matanzas and Cardenas.

leased sailed for Havana today with a

SANTIAGO IS FOREIGN LAND.

The Havana Government So States in a Decree Regarding Dutles, Havana, Aug. 24.—The Spanish govern-

ment of the island has decided to an-nounce that the decree regarding the payment of duties upon goods coming from Santiage and other Cuban ports occupied by the American forces affects equally chandise imported from abroad and coming from such ports of the isl-It is held, in effect, that these parts

of the island are foreign territory.

Supplies are reaching Havana, but the articles of prime necessity, such as bread, eggs, meat and butter are still olympia will follow on Saturday for the Olympia will follow on Saturday for the

According to a report made by the commanding general of the department of
Sancti Spiritus, two Americans who
perved in Gomez's army have surrendered themselves to him. They came in
without arms and were so ill of fever
they had to be sent to the hospital immailtailety.

Olympia the Baltimore will be Admiral
Dewey's flagship.

The transports which have been lying
in the bay have been released. The Zealandia salled on her return home today,
and the others will follow without delay.

t Carpenters Buy Their Lumber at Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.

SPAIN'S SORRY PLIGHT.

American Attitude on the Philippines Question Embarrasses Her. London, Aug. 24.-The Madrid correpondent of the Standard says that a very unfavorable impression has been created by the reported intention of President Mc Kinley to instruct the American peac oners to insist upon the cessio of the Island of Luzon, the placing of American commerce in the Philippine on the same footing as Spanish com merce, and to exact from Spain a pledge that none of her colonies will be ceded to any-of the European powers.

If such instructions are given, it is doubtful if an understanding can be reached.

Moreover, the separation of church and state in the Philippines, which, it is said, will be insisted upon by the Americans, will present grave difficulties with the Varican. Besides, the powerful religious orders in Spain have always been supporters of Don Carlos. A pledge not to cede the islands would displease many

The people are daily becoming more disposed to sell the archipelago to the highest bidder, and especially to those powers that would be most likely to thwart American political and commercial influences in the Far East. The American pretensions are calcu lated to increase the growing desire of Spain to cease all connection with the Philippines and to campel the United States to govern the Islands.

FILIPINOS ARE WITH US.

They Want to Become Either Amer-

ican or British Citizens. Manila, Aug. 24.-At a conference today of the rebel leaders it was emphatically declared that the insurgents were willing White House and had a long talk with to co-operate with the Americans and to surrender their arms promptly if they were assured that the Philippines would become an American or British colony or that a protectorate would be established by the United States or Great Britain; otherwise they did not dare to disarm. A fresh rebellion was threatened in a th if the Americans withdrew.

A few monopolists who are averse to competition are secretly intriguing against the opening of the country. The religious orders are also instigating opsition to any changes.

AGUINALDO IS SATISFIED.

He Is Pleased With Our Occupation and His Men Are Disbanding. Manila, Aug. 24.-Aguinaldo said today: "I am satisfied with American occupa-tion. The Filipinos are disbanding."

TORAL HASTENED SURRENDER.

Returned Spanish Troops Say He Could Have Resisted Longer. Madrid, Aug. 24.-A dispatch from La orunna says that the troops who have

arrived there from Santiago de Cuba de-clare that Gen. Toral precipitated the surrender of the city to the Americans. They add that the defenses were capa-

ble of recisting for a time. Queen Regent Christina has felegraphed to the returned soldiers at La Coruna, congratulating them on their heroic conduct, and saying that she desires to be the first to welcome them back to Spain. The message was read to the troops and caused much gratification

THEIR HOPE'S UNTIMELY END. Troops at San Francisco Will Go

Neither to Manila Nor Hawaii, San Francisco, Aug. 24.-Telegrams were received from Washington today which put an end to the hopes of the troops stationed here that they will see service either in the Philippines or Hawaii.

The telegrams declare that no further to Honolulu would be made until Gen. Merriam returns and makes reports on camp sites, and that be fixed up to clear away the debris after | the Scandia will take only supplies, and

the Colon is blown up.

It is reported that one or two torpedoes have been lost from their moorings in the channel, but this is denied by the authorities.

Inst before the blockade was raised and two days after the correspondent of The Times arrived here, a newspaper distance of the property of the state of the second of the New Yorkers, and the band of the New Yorkers are under orders to join their registers because of the property of the state of the second of the New Yorkers. have been under orders to join their regi at Honolulu as soon as possible The fitting out of the Scandia is being rapidly completed and she is expected to sail Saturday morning.

OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS. Blanco Suggests the Suppression of

the Autonomist Government. Madrid, Aug. 24.-A report has been received from Gen. Blanco, in which he suggests the suppression of the Guban autonomist government, on the ground that it is useless pending the negotia-tions for the evacuation of the island, while at the same time it is very expen

It is believed that the cabinet will e with Gen. Blanco's views

Gen. Correa, minister of war, has re-ceived a long telegram from Manila, signed by Gen. Tejeire, but it has not en given to the press. It is believed the dispatch refers to the

capitulation.
Surprise is felt that it was not signed by Gen. Jaudenes, who, as the successor of Gen. Augustin, surrendered the city. Gen, Rios, governor of the Vizcayas islands, reports several bloody engage-ments with the rebels. He says that the Spanish loss was

riffing, while the insurgents lost 500

killed and wounded. Several of the rebel leaders were shot. A sergeant of gendarmes, who was trying to provoke an anti-Spanish rising narrowly escaped lynching. He was afterwards handed over to the military

Gen. Rios adds that he has formed six battalions of natives and Spaniards to re-sist a rebel invasion of Luzon. He had also formed a small squadron to patrol the coasts and rivers of the Vizcayas and

MORE TROOPS FOR MERRITT. The Rio Janeiro and Pennsylvania

Arrive at Manila. Manila, Aug. 24.-The transports Ric

Janeiro and Pennsylvania arrived here today. The voyage was uneventful. There was very little sickness among the troops on board and no deaths. The transport St. Paul has not yet been

lay.

We Sell the Best Wheelwright Oak; Wheelwright Oak, any thickness white, clear, dry, seasoned; only 4c foot. 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4 inches; the best; 4c foot.

ALGER AT CAMP WIKOFF

He Is Agreeably Surprised at

THE WORK OF A WOMAN

Its Condition.

Mrs. John A. Logan's Story, Told to the President and Later to the Secretary, Impelled the Visit-He Says the Sick Soldiers Seem to Be Quite Cheerful,

Montauk Point, Aug. 24.-Secretary of War Alger is here and there has been much speculation in Camp Wikoff since his arrival this afternoon as to the exact reason of his visit.

An officer who had talked with the Sec retary explained matters this evening. From his story it appears that it was a woman who persuaded Gen. Alger to make a personal inspection of the camp, and that woman is Mrs. John A. Logan. It seems that Mrs. Logan's son is at Montauk Point and from him she has received reports of the condition of the camp, the facilities for landing the troops, the accommodations for the well and the hospital equipment for the sick. It is to be inferred that these reports conveyed the impression that Camp Wikoff is wretchedly equipped.

This inference is drawn because a day or two ago Mrs. Logan called at the the President.

When Mrs. Logan had told all she had heard, the President asked if she would not go over to the War Department and tell the story to the Secretary of War. She said she would.

Secretary Alger thereupon decided to make a personal inspection of the camp. He betook himself to President Baldwin's private car. Seen there this evening, after inspecting

the camp, he said: "I am very agreeably surprised at the large number of men, much confusion might have been expected. It is estimated that there are 1,700 men in the hospitals today.

"I find the conditions of the general ospital poor and the sinks need fixing

Soldier-Invalids Are Cheered, "A large detail of men have been made

and they will put them all in perfect condition. The sick soldiers seem to be very cheerful. I saw some few who were "I saw and spoke to every man in the

detention hospital and went through the wards from A to D of the general hospital.

"I shall finish my inspection there tomorrow. "I am very agreeably surprised with

the whole situation and think this air will build the men up soon. I shall stay here everal days, spending a brief vacationthe first that I have taken this Summer.

RIO GRANDE AT NEW YORK. She Brings Convalescents From the Montauk Point Hospital,

New York, Aug. 24.-The transport Rio other nation." Grande arrived at quarantine from Monand Wikoff. All the sick aboard the trans- anything in the conference, because of the port are recovering from typhoid or ma-

They were moved from Montank Point to relieve the congestion in the hospital there, and were distributed in the afternoon among the hospitals at Governor's Island, Fort Wadsworth and Port Ham-

YELLOW FEVER AT FRANKLIN. A Cordon of Armed Guards Is Main

tained About the Town New Orleans, Aug. 24.-Dr. Carler, of vice, who has been startoned at Franklin

declares the case previously reported there as suspicious to be genuine yellow fe The people of the neighborhood still c be here very shortly.

tinue a cordon of armed guards around Franklin. This is the second case reported at Franklin.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

Doubtful if Gen. Tracy Will Be One

The official announcement of the names of the Peace Commissioners will not be is known that Secretary Day, Senator Davis, and Senator Frye have accepted appointments on the commission, and that Justice White may accept. Gen. B. F. Tracy has been mentioned for the fifth place, but another name may be substituted before the official announcement is made.

DOLLY REYNOLDS'S JEWELRY.

Found Yesterday Afternoon. New York, Aug. 24.-Margaret Adams, the negro servant of the late Dolly Reynolds, who was recently murdered in the Grand Hotel, this afternoon found her late mistress's missing jewelry in a reticule in a closet of the flat where the Reynolds woman formerly lived. The police are now confident that the murder was not committed for the purpose of robbery The jewelry is valued at \$3,600.

DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION.

A Hoboken Man Commits Sulcide While Temporarily Insane. Hoboken, N. J., Aug. 24.-John C. Finck

home here this morning, having committed suicide by asphyxiation. Fincken was overcome by the heat las

American, was found dead in bed at his

week and has since complained of paint in his head. It is supposed he was temporarily insane.

A. O. H. Norfolk excursion, Aug. 27, See ad page 6.

SCHLEY COMES HERE TODAY. First, He Will Visit the Brooklyn

According to Present Plans. Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 24-Admiral Schley will, unless something unforescen happens, be able to visit h's flagship, the Brooklyn, tomorrow, and later in the day proceed to Washington.

This is the plan mapped out this evening, when the admiral learned from his physician, Dr. J. G. Gregory, that, if he would be careful he could leave Saugatuck

During the day the admiral improved wonderfully, and his physician was much gratified with his condition.

Many letters and telegrams of congratulations and inquiry as to his health are pouring in from all puris of the country. Mrs. Schley said this morning that the reported telegram of inquiry from President McKiney had not yet materialized.

TELEGRAM FROM MRS. SCHLEY. Advises the Department That

the Admiral Is Recovering. Mrs. Schley, wife of the gallant hero of Santingo, sent a dispatch to Acting Secretary of the Navy Allen yesterday stating that Admiral Schley is not dangerously ill.

It was at first thought that the admiral would not be able to serve on the Porto Rican peace commission, and that another officer might have to be chosen to take his place. But all fear of this has been removed.

MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE. Demand That Canada Remove the

Preferential Tariff. Quebec, Aug. 24.-Sir Wilfrid Laurier intertained all the British and American

delegates to the convention and secre taries at dinner tonight, together with Premier Winter, of Newfoundland, who arrived today. Though there was no sitting of the com

mission, there were many interesting rumore and interviews and private meetings of both the British and American sections conditions I find here. With such a of the convention. Not much has leaked out in connection with the latter, but enough is known to indicate some of the difficulties encountered by the convention in its work. The principal obstacle to a successful

termination of the conference was found oday to be the present preferential tariff of the Dominion under which Canada admits the products of Great Britain at 25 the United States and other countries.

The Canadian ministers said today that there was nothing incompatible between preference for Great Britain and reciproc. preference for Great Britain and reciprocity with the United States.

It was learned on the b t authority, however, that the American delegates will take the stand that the preferential tariff of Canada will have to go or the confer-

Willing to Make Concessions. One of the delegates, who will not speak for publication, says plainly: "We are not negotiating to buy

the right to equal favors with Great Britain or another country by making concessions, If we make any to the Dominion in the way of tariff regulations it will be in return for distinct advantages granted over any

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is apparently, theretank Point today with 355 convalescents fore, in the humiliating position of having to choose between a fallure to ac tilling ships Iris and Rainbow, and near-ly all of the colliers and the ocean goobstacle of a discriminating tariff, and erential tariff that has gained him so Pompey and Siren have arrived at Fort Monroe to joint the fleet of auxiliary ves-sels already there awaiting examination by the mayal board. The Sylvia has sailed from Charleston for Fort Monroe. much eclat in England.

The convention, it is now said, is not likely to adjourn tomorrow. It may sit by for eight or ten days and then adjourn over the Maine elections, and the adjournment will afford delegates the opportunity of consulting their respective governments.

WARSHIPS SHOULD BE THERE.

A Suggestion That America Send Yessels to Quebec, Quebec, Aug. 24.-The flagship Renown and the cruisers Palas and Talbot, will

It is considered in many circles her that it would be a very popular act on the part of the United States to send to this port one or two of their famous war-ships during the sitting of the international conference. The ships would receive a warm welcome

IN FOR A HOT SPELL.

No More Cool Weather Is Expe Before Sunday

Chief Moore, of the Weather Bureau, offers but little consolation when questioned concerning what may be expected of the hot spell, which has suddenly taken possession of the capital One thing to the credit of the bureau,

it is honest about it this time, and instead of making all sorts of cooling promises, it says right out plain that this weather is likely to last for some time, How long is a matter of wide speculation, which grows wider when one remembers the last controversy between the Government meteorologists and the

rain some three weeks ago. Since then it has been comparatively cool, and here suddenly another het spell comes stealing over the city, without warning, like a park policeman upon the rider without a light, Chief Moore extends the hope that it

people, which concluded with a burst of

will be cooler by Sunday. He says we are suffering now because there is a very hot spell of weather in Europe, particularly in England. The scientific explanation of why hot weather in Great Britain should affect the United States to such an uncomfort-able degree is too intricate and lengthy

to return until following Monday.

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for late morning newspaper paragraphs, but in the abstract it is an evidence of the bond of sympathy now existing between the two countries, and may be used as an argument in favor of an THE AMERICA'S CUP. Royal Ulster Yachtsmen Sail for America for a Conference. London, Aug. 24.—Major Sharman Crawford, vice commodore of the Royal Angio-American alliance. Baltimore and Return via B. & O., Ulster Yacht Club, and Hugh C. Kelly, \$1.25, Tickets good going on all trains Satur-day and Sunday, August 27 and 28, valid secretary and treasurer of that club, sailed for New York today on the Britan-nic from Liverpool to confer with the New York Yacht Club in regard to the proposed race for the America's cup.

The Weather-Libbey & Co. say-This Is Your Chance to Buy

setts volunteers.

WITHOUT WATER OR FOOD.

Red Cross Workers Deplore Condi tions on Transport Trains.

The ladies of the Red Cross at the establishment, 915 Maryland Avenue southwest, hear many complaints from the soldlers who are being transporter from the South, as to the suffering and privations they undergo.

Mrs. L. E. Pond, Mrs. E. M. Gillesp and Mrs. M. G. Fletcher, are in charge of the work of feeding the soldiers who stop in Washington, en route to their homes and camps in the North. The List of the Ships That Are to Go. say that the soldiers arrive in this city always in a famished condition, and re The great auxiliary fleet acquired by port that they have been without feed the navy for the war with Spain is to since they boarded the train at Tampa and that no provisions are made for feeding them while being transported. fleet and make recommendations for its Mrs. Pond says that while carrying food and coffee to the soldiers who were ington navy yard. The board will de- not allowed to leave the train, she saw termine which of the one hundred or many who were too thirsty to eat and

more converted merchantmen yachts begged for a drink of water. and tugs which were but so recently pur-Muny of the men were found lying on the floor too weak to reach up for the

food offered them. of the battleship Massachusetts, who will act as president: Capt. Taylor, of the In-Not only is this treatment reported by the soldiers in transport, but many hundiana; Commander Edwin White, of the Naval Academy: Chief Engineer Andrade gry soldiers from Camp Aiger stop in the dining room of the Red Cross to get the It is understood that other naval officers food denied them at camp. who have been familiar with the auxili-

One of the men from Camp Alger made ary fleet will give testimony before the the following statement: "We have not had enough to eat since we left Camp The board will organize and hold several Aiger to march to Manassas, and the essions here, and then proceed to the first day's trip was a piece of barbarism. veral points at which the auxiliary They loaded us with our packs and made ships have been gathered. Hampton us stand in the hot sun for over an hour Roads will be the first rendezvous visited. A large part of all the ships are at that before we moved a step. After we started they kept us going, even after a num-Several ships ucquired by the navy have ber of men had dropped from exhaustion, only been chartered. The four American Several of the boys talk of descring beline steamers, St. Louis, St. Paul, Harcause of the lack of consideration. Since yard, and Yale are of this class. These ships will, in almost every case, be given up immediately. The board will probably we left Camp Alger we have had but one full ration, and in the first twenty-four not consider them in its investigations. Others ships purchased by the navy, like the Buffalo, formerly the Nictheroy, are not considered us of the auxiliary navy, nours we had but one meal."

These complaints are not made sionally, but all of the thousands of soldiers who have been entertained by the Red Cross have expressed themselves as very much dissatisfied with the treatment they receive in camp.

SKILLED DIPLOMATS NEEDED. An English View of America's Fu-

ture in the Matter of Colonies. London, Aug. 23.-The Times, referring to Ambassador Hay's successor, says that ton.
Colliers—Abarendo, Alexander, Brutus,
Cuesar, Cussius, Hamithal, Hector, Justin, Lebanen, Leonidas, Pompey, Saturn,
Scindia, Sciplo, Southerly, and Sterling,
Steamers—fris, Marcellus, Merrimac,
Nanshan, Neo, Niagara, Resolute, Vuicon. when America has to administer possessions at a distance she will be brought into closer relations with foreign states and will feel as never before the necessity of employing professional instead of amateur diplomats. It adds: Supply ships-Ceiric, Elacier, Supply, and Zafiro.

President McKinley's views as to the and Zafiro.

Tugs-Accoma. Active. Alace. Apache.
Cheyenie. Chickasaw. Chocaaw. Hercules. Iroquots. Massasoit. Modoc. Mohawk.
Nezinscot. Osccola. Pawnee. Piscataqua,
Pontiac. Potomac. Poyhatan. Seminole.
Sloux. Tacoma. Tecumsch. Uncas. Vigilant. Waban. and Wampsauck.
Lechtpurce. stip.—Solace. British embassy, we note that Mr. Henry rang. There were nearly 2,000 voices in White is mentioned for possible appoint. ment on the grounds of the importance of his minute personal knowledge of the currents of English opinion. This is obviously a recommendation that, in most countries, would receive careful consideration, but it is not American tradition which points to his appointment. The department has already deter-

"While we do not in the least know

"Mr. White would be persona grata, as Ine department and the second of these mined to retain a large number of these he is in English society and has had long vessels, including the ambulance ship Solace, the repair ship Vulcan, the dissecond of Mr. Hav. we

venture to think that the United States in the future will find it wise and profitable to pay more attention than in the past to the value of professional knowldee and dexterity alike in diplomacy and in civil and military administration."

THREE HUNDRED DROWNED. Polish Miners Meet Death by Flooding of a Mine

Vienna, Aug. 24.-Three hundred miners were drowned today by the sudden flooding of the Kasimir coal mine, near the village of Niemce, Russian Poland.

MRS. BOTKIN SHOWS NERVE. Her Only Dread Appears to Be of

Reporters. San Francisco, Aug. 24.-Mrs. Ada Bot. kin, arrested last night at Stockton and charged with the murder of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane, at Dover, Del., by means of poisoned candy, was brought here today and lodged in Jail,

She showed much nerve, and her only dread appears to be of reporters, who she declares, misquoted her from the out-

from whom she had been separated for several years. Botkin warned reporters to be careful what they printed about his wife.

It is evident the police have some trong circumstantial evidence against Mrs, Botkin which they will not disclose, and this is supposed to have been given by Dunning. A new link in the chain of evidence

against her was furnished today by

at Stockton. "When I read last evening that the box containing poisoned candy had 'bon-bons' printed in gilt letters on the cover and some of the candy was home-made, I re-membered that about three weeks ago a woman came this the store and usked for a Your-Sot box of candy, saying she had some candy which she desired to put in the box with some of our make.

"As the box was to contain some goods other than our own, I gave her box which did not have our name on it The candy which she pu odd to me, and it nearly half filled the

"Of course I did not examine her close-ly, and I can only describe her by saying she was of medium height and build."
Mrs. Bolkin is known to have been in Stockton about three or four weeks ago, Stockton about three or four weeks ago, when she was treated for a slight illness. Gattrell could not place the seiling of the candy in question more definitely than that it was about three weeks ago. He was positive, however, there were chocolate creams among the candy, bestides other French candies.

W. F. Kuhn, proprietor of the store says he would know both the box and candy again should he see them.

A. O. H. Norfolk excursion, Aug. 27,

Only 4e foot for Wheelwright Oak

To Welcome the Soldiers From Santiago's Trenches.

BOYS REMEMBERED

Cheers for the Living, Tears for the Dead.

SPIRIT OF PATRIOTIC PRIDE

The Mass Meeting at the National Theater a Superb Success -Speeches by Commissioner Ross Postmaster General Smith, the Rev. Dr. Stafford, Hon, James Tanner, and Others-The Return of the District Troops From the War to Be Celebrated in a Fitting Way

A gathering of representative citizens of Washington which filled every seat and overflowed into every aisle and corner of the National Theater responded last night to the call for a mass meeting for the purpose of arranking the details for a welcome to be given the members of the First District of Columbia Volunteers on their return from Cuba.

The fathers, the mothers, the sisters and brothers, the friends and the sweethearts of the boys who are returning from the front were there, and their enthuslasm was unbounded. They cheered themselves hourse over patriotic sentiments, they smiled over the culogies given their soldier boys and they grew sad with the remembrance of the pain and misery and death suffered by these soldiers, who are all in all to them.

Old Glory Everywhere.

The great symphony of enthusiasm was fittingly framed. From walls and balconies and ceiling and windows flowed great masses of giorlous color. Old Glo-ty was everywhere. The whole front of the stage was adorned by an enormous stretch of Stars and Stripes, while smaller flugs fluttered in domailing profusion. The stage was backed with great masses of flowers and plants, while the white unfforms of the Marine Band made a pretty buckground.

So it was that, when the grand old strains of "My Country 'tis of Thee" swelled out upon the air, the great assembly arose and cheered until the walls the demonstration and they needed no

prompting. A Democratic Gathering

It was a patriotic mass meeting in every sense of the term. The people were imbued with the spirit of the whole affair, and a great bond of sympathy extended from pit to galleries. Every class and station was represented, but for the rime the whole audience was one great from the dangers of a foreign land and

the trivis of a time of war. Nothing was so gorgeous but this gathering would favor its adoption, so that the boys might be welcomed in proper shape. Nothing was so costly, or vast or glorious but these people would have it, so that the boys might return and find that their city loved them, appreciated their bravery, had their welfare at heart, and was proud and happy to receive them

with open arms and homes

Could They Have Seen It. a demonstration to the District troops showed what a wonderful interest has Not even the great humidity had any terrors for the gathering. The people of the District expressed their desire for a demonstration to the troops from this city by their splendid representation at the meeting last night, and if the plans adopted are put into execution the occasion will be something that will go down in history as one of the most eventful days ever known in Washington.

Could the boys of the District Regiment have witnessed the grand tribute to their valor displayed at the meeting last night; could they have been present and heard the hearty cheers and seen the misty eyez-all for their welfare-they would have asked no grander tribute or demonstration. And yet this was but a preparatory meeting. Letter From the President.

The stage of the theater was occupied by the vice presidents and the representatives of the various military, semi-mili-Frank Gattrell, clerk in a candy store tary and civic organizations who are cooperating to make the demonstration a success. Many prominent citizens also

occupted chairs.

After a grand fantasia of national airby the Marine Band, which set the audience wild with enthusiasm, the chairman, Hon. John W. Ross, District Commissioner, called the meeting to order. The following letters from President McKinley, Secretary Alger, and Secre-

a tary Bliss were then read by Col. Edwin B. Hay, who acted as secretary of the The letter from the President was as

"Executive Mansion, Aug. 22, 1898.

"John W. Ross, Chairman Citizens' Meeting. "My Dear Mr. Ross: The purposes of the meeting called to arrange for a suitable reception to the First District of Columbia Volunteers appeals strongly to my sympathy, and I have sincere pleasure in assuring you of my deep interest in every effort to honor these brave men, who so promptly responded to their field of duty. Their home coming should be

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